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Entrance to the famous "Talk of the Town" restaurant — Aruba's finest place to dine. Member of Chaine de les Rotisseurs — it provides gourmet dining in an atmosphere continental elegance.

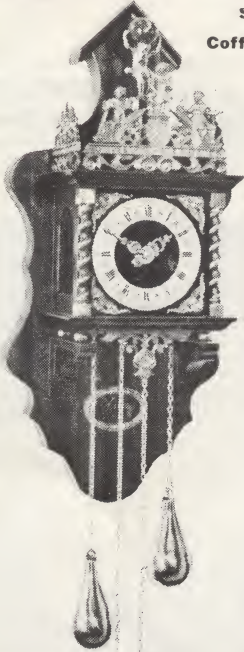
(With Aruba Road Map in color)

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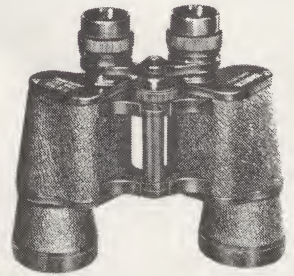


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Bonbini - Welcome - Bienvenidos

Our staff will gladly assist you with all possible information and suggestions to make your stay in Aruba a most pleasant and enjoyable vacation.

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Aruba

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TEL. 3777

welcome, bienvenido, "bon bini" to Aruba MARISKA'S BOOKSTORE

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SHOP TALK

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At the head of the Nassaustraat, the town's mainstreet, you face MARISKA'S BOOKSTORE. Here you'll find the largest assortment of postcards, slides, color films, of Aruba's finest spots and postage stamps to mail your letters and cards to all your friends (the mailing service is completely free of charge). Directly across the street is FANNY'S. Here you'll find cashmere sweaters, Indian silks, brocade and embroidered garments, French beaded bags, gold and silver charms, crystal, Swiss watches, perfumes, souvenirs and gift items. Diner's Club and American Express Credit Cards are accepted. Next block is LEO BERLINSKI's jewelry store, which features platinum and 18 kt. gold jewelry, cultured pearls, the world famous Girard Perregaux and other well-known Swiss made watches. It carries sterling, silver plated and stainless steel cutlery, bone china and ceramic dinnerware, crystal from France, Finland, Sweden, and England, figurines, teakwood articles, petit point and beaded bags. Just in front of the taxi-stand you'll find ARUBA PEASANT SHOP, a shopper's paradise with handicrafts from all over the world, lovely dolls, a wide range of pipes; also Pringle cashmere sweaters, "Kislav" gloves and Imperial linens from Madeira. Across the street is ARUBA TRADING COMPANY. Their well-trained and friendly staff will make your shopping a real pleasure. Here you will find an extensive collection of cosmetics, perfumes, men's and ladies wear, ties, gift articles, and souvenirs - all of first quality. They will gladly deliver your bonded liquors and cigarettes free of charge to your ship or plane. And don't forget to visit PHOTO EL GLOBO, annex to ARUBA TRADING, with their large selection of photographic equipment of world famous brand names. In the mainstreet the carillon and the lovely showcase displays

identify

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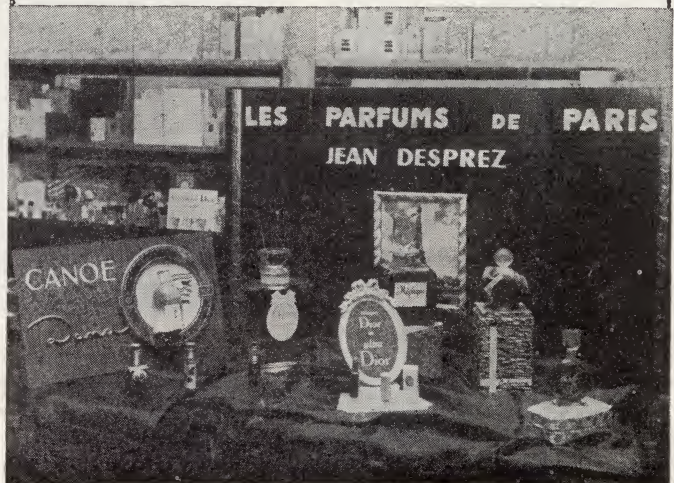
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Miramar, Phone: 725-6700

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Cameras, still, over \$ 10	13%
8 mm. motion, over \$ 50	10½%
China, bone	31%
Crystal	24%
Diamonds, cut but not set	
not over ½ carat	7%
over ½ carat	9%
Jewelry, gold	21½%
Leather handbags	18%
Pearls, loose or temporarily strung	
cultured 4%; natural	2%
Perfume	14,4 c lb. + 13%
Silk knits (as wearing apparel)	20%
Sterling flatware	7 c each + 15½%
Wood carvings	15%

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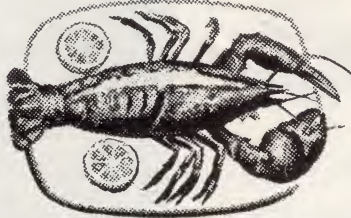
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COCKTAIL LOUNGE

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Aruba



Aruba, first of the ABC islands, is the most western of the Leeward group of the Netherlands Antilles. It lies 15 miles from the Venezuelan coast, 12 degrees, 24 minutes north of the equator. It is 19.6 miles long, six miles in width at its widest point, and contains 70.9 square miles of rocky red hills and magnificent white sand beaches, surrounded by the deep blue Caribbean.

The average yearly temperature is 82 degrees, with the coolest months January and February and the warmest August and September. The air is lively and sparkling because the humidity averages only 76 per cent. Average annual rainfall is less than 20 inches. Aruba time is 1 hour ahead of Eastern Standard Time and 4 hours earlier than G.M.T.

THE PEOPLE AND THEIR LANGUAGES

Aruba is the only Caribbean island on which the Indian population was not exterminated. The Aruban today is a descendant of Indians, with a mixture of Spanish and Dutch blood of the early colonizers. Arubans, those born on the island, number about 36,000. All are citizens of the Netherlands. Over 40 nationalities (total population 59,000) living peacefully together on the island.

The Leeward islands (Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao) have a living language of their own — Papiamentu. It is a "lingua franca" that has evolved from Spanish, Portuguese and Dutch with some Indian words. Almost everybody on Aruba speaks Papiamentu, Dutch, Spanish and English.

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Watersports



The waters surrounding Aruba are wonderful natural playgrounds. Deep-sea fishing is excellent. The best sport fish in local waters is the Balahu, followed closely by the blue and white marlin.



Skin diving has been popular on Aruba for many years. The waters around the island are exceptionally clear. Underwater visibility of as much as 150 feet is not unusual. As popular as skin diving is waterskiing. Because the Caribbean on the leeward side of Aruba is always calm, it provides a fine course for waterskiers. Instructors will show the beginner the elements of waterskiing and have him zooming across the turquoise waters in no time.



Boats and equipment are for rent. Guides familiar with local waters are available to show visitors the best places for diving, underwater photography or spearfishing. For the more sedentary, there are glass bottom sightseeing boats that cruise over the island's reefs and sunken wrecks.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE

De Palm's
SIGHTSEEING *Tours*

Aruba Sheraton Hotel & Casino, Phone 3600



- 5 Choices in island tours
- Transfer service to and from airport or shipside

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LOCAL CIVIC CLUBS



KIWANIS - Dinner meeting at Coral Strand Hotel every Monday at 7:30 p.m.



LIONS - Dinner meeting at Trocadero Restaurant every first and 3rd Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.



ROTARY - Dinner meeting at Trocadero Restaurant every Monday at 6:45 p.m.



TOASTMASTERS - Dinner meeting at Trocadero Restaurant every third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.



JAYCEES - Dinner meeting at Coral Strand Hotel every second Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

Alliance Française: For information call 7215

Y'S MEN CLUB: For information call 5303.

MASONIC LODGES

Lodge "El Sol Naciente" Longfellowstraat 3, Oranjestad

Secr.: tel. 1818

King Solomon's Lodge

Savaneta 123 B

Secr.: tel. 5619

Lodge "Hiram 102"

Pos Chiquito

Secr.: tel. 5431

ROSICRUCIAN ARUBA CHAPTER, AMORC.

Savaneta 202. For info call 3263.

Meetings: every Thursday evening

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Free lending to tourists of books in English, Spanish, Dutch; o.a. books on Aruba and other Caribbean islands.

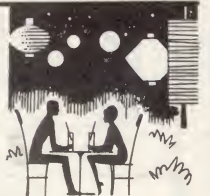
Open: Monday thru Friday from 7:30-12 a.m. and 2-5:30 p.m. (Tuesdays and Fridays till 8:45 p.m.).

For information phone 1580 or make a personal call at 6 Wilhelminastraat, Oranjestad or (only during afternoon hours) at the Government Building in San Nicolas (opposite Post Office).



BUS SCHEDULE - LINEAS DE AUTOBUSES PALM BEACH (HOTELS)/ORANJESTAD

	Oranjestad To (a)	Oranjestad From (de)
Fare fl. 0,30 (\$0.20)		
Bus stand for RETURN located at Tourist Bureau, Oranjestad	7.55 a.m.	7.40 a.m.
Parada de buses frente a la Oficina de Turismo, Oranjestad.	9.50 a.m.	9.35 a.m.
	12.05 p.m.	11.50 a.m.
	2.10 p.m.	1.50 p.m.
	4.05 p.m.	3.45 p.m.
	6.05 p.m.	5.50 p.m.



ENTERTAINMENT

ARUBA CARIBBEAN HOTEL-CASINO:

Klompen Klub - Bali Bar

ARUBA-SHERATON HOTEL & CASINO:

Rembrandt Room (Supper Club)

Club Diablo

DE OLDE MOLEN

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- MANCHEBO BEACH HOTEL
- "TALK OF THE TOWN RESTAURANT" CORAL STRAND HOTEL
- TROCADERO RESTAURANT
- BALI RESTAURANT
- HOTEL CACTUS INN
- HONG KONG RESTAURANT
- HOTEL NASSAU
- ANTONIO'S COFFEE SHOP & RESTAURANT
- HOTEL CENTRAL
- MANDARIN RESTAURANT
- ESSO CLUB (SAN NICOLAS)
- HOTEL ASTORIA (SAN NICOLAS)

HOTELS

- ARUBA-SHERATON HOTEL & CASINO (Resort Hotel)
202 rooms.
- ARUBA CARIBBEAN HOTEL-CASINO (Resort Hotel)
200 rooms, 20 cabanas.
- BASI RUTI BEACH HOTEL (Resort Hotel) - 15 rooms
- HOLIDAY INN HOTEL (under construction)
- MANCHEBO BEACH HOTEL (Resort/Commercial Hotel)
48 rooms.
- DIVI-DIVI BEACH HOTEL (under construction)
- CORAL STRAND HOTEL (Resort/Commercial Hotel)
28 rooms.
- HOTEL CENTRAL (Commercial Hotel) - 25 rooms
- CACTUS INN (Commercial Hotel) - 21 rooms
- NASSAU HOTEL (Commercial Hotel) - 11 rooms
- HOTEL CAPITAL (Commercial Hotel)
- ASTORIA HOTEL (Commercial Hotel) San Nicolas
10 rooms.

The ARUBA FILM LIGA is a private membership club. Visitors are always welcome when introduced by a member at the nominal fee of F. 1.00.

On Sundays at 8:30 p.m. Cultural Center Theatre (air-conditioned) in Oranjestad:

- JANUARY 12 — "STIMULANTIA" - Sweden - 8 sketches.
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and

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Noord: 5:30 a.m.; 7:00 a.m.; 8:30 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.

Tanki Leendert - Monte Galvario Chapel: 8:00 a.m.

San Nicolas: 5:30 a.m.; 7:00 a.m.; 8:30 a.m.; 5:00 p.m.

San Nicolas - Emmanuel Chapel: 7:30 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.

PROTESTANT CHURCH - MISA PROTESTANTE

Oranjestad: Sunday at 9:00 a.m.; Domingo a las 9:00 a.m.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE - SINAGOGA ISRAELITA

Oranjestad: Friday at 8:00 p.m.; Viernes a las 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Seroe Colorado: Sunday at 11:00 a.m. (in English)

METHODIST CHURCH

San Nicolas: 9:00 a.m.; 7:30 p.m.

Brasil: 11:00 a.m.; 7:30 p.m.

Oranjestad: 11:00 a.m.



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Para contribuir a ello, permítame servirles de guía acompañándoles en esta, su primera jira de compras. Para realizarla recorreremos casi de extremo a extremo la calle principal, que se llama Nassaustraat y que es el centro comercial de Oranjestad.

Empecemos por visitar a FANNY'S SHOP, una tienda donde podremos adquirir artículos en cuero, sweaters de Angora y de Cachemira; chalets, perfumes y tallas balinesas e hindús en madera y en marfil.

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La unidad monetario de Aruba es el florín de las Antillas Neerlandesas, símbolo del cual es Fl. o F. El tipo de cambio vigente es de F. 1,85 al dólar de los Estados Unidos o F. 0,42 al bolivar venezolano para cheques de viajeros. Muchos comerciantes hacen el tipo de cambio más atractivo, dando 2 florines por dólar americano cuando Ud. hace sus compras. El florín tiene 100 centavos. Monedas de plata de 5, 10 y 25 centavos, 1 florín y 2½ florines; las de cobre son de 1 y 2½ centavos. Las monedas de 5 centavos son muy populares como souvenir, pues son cuadradas. Hay billetes de banco en denominación de 2½, 5, 10, 25, 100, 250 y 500 florines.

La capital de Aruba es **ORANJESTAD**, con una arquitectura típicamente holandesa con alguna influencia española. Los edificios están pintados en los brillantes colores característicos del ámbito del Caribe. Grandes trasatlánticos, cargados de pasajeros y de mercancías atracan regularmente en su puerto. Es excitante pasearse en los días de gran tráfico marítimo por los espaciosos muelles. La imaginación vuela tras los nombres de lejanas tierras impresos en las balas de mercancías. Yokohama, Hong Kong, Italia o Noruega se nos antojan mensajes de amigos lejanos.

Las mercancías traídas de los más distantes rincones del mundo hacen que el centro de Oranjestad constituya una verdadera tentación para el turista. Relojes suizos, cámaras, perfumes, sweters de Cachemira, sedas, azule-

jós holandeses, loza fina, binoculares, licores, lanas y otros tejidos, piedras preciosas, miniaturas de porcelana, novedades tejidas en paja, esculturas de marfil del Oriente, cristalería, tallados en madera de Indonesia y China, artículos de cuero, vajillas de plata, oro, etc., son artículos que, gracias a los bajos impuestos de importación su pueden comprar aquí a precios muy ventajosos.

Una atracción turística es la caleta de Oranjestad donde están anclados inúmeros barquichuelos procedentes de diversos lugares del Caribe. Allí se encuentra el bullicioso mercado donde en puestos amplios y soleados, despliegan los barqueros sus tentadoras mercancías.

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El clima de Aruba está considerado entre los mejores del Caribe. La lluvia es escasa y los días son frescos por el continuo fluir de los vientos Alisios. En este clima seco medra el **DIVI DIVI**, un árbol que, azotado por el continuo batir del viento crece en las más extrañas formas, siguiendo siempre la dirección del viento. Para fines industriales se cultiva el aloe, planta liliácea de la cual se extrae un jugo muy amargo usado en medicina. En el campo crecen los cactus; las casas típicas arubanas tienen una pintoresca cerca de cactus. A los arubanos les encantan las flores y se esmeran en cultivarlas. La mayoría de los hogares están rodeados de buganvillas, adelfas, flamboyanes e hibiscos.

Aruba tiene muchos lugares de interés que son dignos de ser visitados. Entre ellos se encuentran las playas de **PALM BEACH** e **EAGLE BEACH** que pueden contarse entre las más bellas del mundo. La blanca arena se extiende por varias millas a lo largo de la costa y declina suavemente hacia las turquesas aguas del Caribe ofreciendo, en su mansedumbre, una excelente oportunidad para esquiar sobre el agua, navegar y nadar. En el mar que circunda nuestra isla pululan una extensa variedad de peces, haciéndolo propicio para los diferentes tipos de pesca.

Un distintivo del paisaje arubano es el **HOOIBERG** (Colina Almiar); para el que desee escalarla hay una escalera que conduce hasta la misma cima.

Al norte de la isla hay bien abrigadas ensenadas que ofrecen sitios ideales para excursiones campestres. Para aquellos a quienes les gusta nadar en un fuerte oleaje este lado de la isla es perfecto. Dos de las más curiosas ensenadas son **ANDICURI** y **DOS PLAYAS**; peñascos imponentes se internan en el mar desafiando el embate de las olas que van a estrellarse contra ellos con estentóreo ruido, formando así un violento contraste con las

apacibles arenás de la ensenada.

Sumamente interesante es el **PUENTE NATURAL** obra arquitectónica de la naturaleza, socavada en la dura roca por la incesante embestida del mar; no deje de visitarlo así como también a **BOCA DRUIF**, que es una gruta junto a las dunas de **BOCA PRINS**.

El **CUNUCU**, que quiere decir campo en papiamento, está punteado por casitas de vivos colores y por impresionantes formaciones rocosas. Las más imponentes se encuentran en **AYO** y **CASIBARI** donde la naturaleza acumuló una sobre otra tremendas masas de granito de miles de toneladas de peso. En **AYO** Ud. puede explorarlas internándose por intrincados laberintos. En **CASIBARI** está la **BOCA DEL DRAGON**, que es una curiosa formación favorita de los fotógrafos.

Los que estén interesados en la cultura autóctona, encontrarán antiguos dibujos indígenas en las paredes de las cavernas de **FONTEIN** y de **CANASHITO**, y en las rocas de **ARIKOK** y **AYO**.

Los espeleólogos hallarán un reto en las grutas de **QUADARIKIRI** y **HULIBA**.

Otro sitio de interés es la iglesia y el cementerio de **SANTA ANA**. La iglesia tiene un magnífico y centenario altar gótico de roble, tallado a mano.

También el **CASTILLO DE LOS PIRATAS** en **BUSHIRIBANA**, montado sobre un promontorio, frente a la costa de barlovento. Las ruinas de este "castillo" son en realidad las ruinas de una vieja mina de oro, reliquia de lo que fuera la primera industria de Aruba. En **BALASHI** están las ruinas de otra mina de oro.

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